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ON CPA DECISION NOT TO ACT ON RTT LEASE

'CPA will do the right thing for Rota'

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"I have every confidence...the Commonwealth Ports Authority will do the right thing for the people of Rota."



Manglona

This was the sentiment expressed by Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) in a statement to *Saipan Tribune* as he addressed CPA's last board meeting.

During last week's board meeting, the CPA board was supposed to act on the Rota

Terminal and Transfer Co. Inc. lease agreement.

RTT was cited for incompliance back in April and was supposed to correct violations by May 26, but failed to do so.

However, following a heated argument between board

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NWS: Marianas should expect mix of showers into the weekend

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The National Weather Service based off of Tiyan, Guam has issued its regional

forecast for the week stating the Marianas can expect mixed showers into the end of the week.

According to NWS' regional overview report,

partly sunny skies with some showers and east trades prevail across Guam and the CNMI as a surface trough pushes westward through the Marianas.

"Expect a mix of showers into the weekend due to converging trades at the surface, and with the influence of a tropical upper tropospheric

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Arrest warrant sought for Teregeyo after multiple violations

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U.S. Probation officer Juanette David-Atalig has filed a request for a warrant of arrest against Vickilyn Ramonica

Manglona Teregeyo following a series of violations of her supervised release conditions, culminating in her failure to return to the HOPE Recovery Center.

In a declaration submitted

on June 12, 2024, David-Atalig detailed a troubling pattern of noncompliance by Teregeyo, which began in December 2023 when she tested positive for methamphetamine twice. These inci-

dents set off a series of legal and rehabilitative interventions aimed at addressing her substance abuse issues.

On Jan. 16, 2024, a petition for a summons was filed due

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UFO, Masons lead flag-raising to mark 126th PH Independence Day



RACQUEL FLOYD

Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang, 10th from left, poses with CNMI leaders and members of the Filipino community on Saipan after breakfast and a short program at the Costa Terrace Restaurant of Aqua Resort Club,

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Members of the Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 held a solemn

march and flag-raising ceremony yesterday at 7am in the parking lot of Aqua Resort Club.

The event was in celebration of the 126th Philippine Independence

Day with the theme "Kalayaan, Kinabukasan, Kasaysayan" (Freedom, Future, History). It's a yearly tradition and done in collaboration with the United Filipino

Organization-CNMI.

Emon Masonic Lodge's Fernando "Bok" Enano said all subordinate lodges are obligated to have

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LIFE & STYLE

"The Boys," Amazon Prime Video's epic superhero satire series, will end with its fifth season and showrunner Eric Kripke announced "the end has begun" while promoting the series' fourth season, which premieres Thursday on Prime Video.

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Local

Regal donates \$3,187 to ARC-NMI Chapter



Regal Saipan Megaplex general manager Maybelline Cabrera and staff present their \$3,187 donation to John Hirsh of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

The Regal Foundation and their Star of Hope program have donated \$3,187 to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

The generous donation will be used to support Red Cross programs throughout Saipan, Rota, and Tinian. Since 2003 the Regal Foundation has supported communities in which Regal operates by partnering with selected charities like the Red Cross who provide aid to families affected by economic, social, physical, or educational disadvantages.

“The NMI Red Cross Chapter is grateful for Regal support and uses their generosity to improve lives here in the CNMI” said ARC-NMI Chapter Disaster Program manager Juan Diego Tenorio.

“We are proud to be included as a national Regal partner and appreciate the generous support at the local community level” said ARC-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh.

Regal Cinemas, which owns Regal Saipan Megaplex, established the Regal Foundation in 2003 as a non-profit charitable organization to coordinate support for numerous national and local philanthropic groups.

Regal hosts an annual summer fundraiser called “Stars of Hope” where guests are invited to donate \$1 or more to help Regal Foundation’s many partners. Additionally, an annual “Holiday Round Up” campaign in November January allows moviegoers the opportunity to round up purchases at the concessions stand. All proceeds from these two initiatives benefit the Regal Foundation.

The American Red Cross, founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement—humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality. The Red Cross saves lives and eases suffering by providing relief to those affected by disasters and helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Its Northern Marianas chapter while carrying out its mission will also strive to be a role model not only within the American Red Cross family, but also in terms of public accountability, diversity, respect for the rule of law or otherwise the practice of democracy, for other civic organizations in its jurisdiction. (PR)

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Hyatt wines and spirits clearance sale starting June 14

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The collection carries exclusive labels and high-end spirits that Hyatt Regency Saipan serves to its guests that includes fine wines such as Bottega, Chateau Tour

Baladoz, Danzante, Louis Jadot, Cassetta, and champagne labels namely, Laurent Perrier or Moet & Chandon. For spirits, the list includes Ardbeg Ten-year-Old Scotch Whiskey, Don Papa Rum, Botanist Gin, to name a few.

The “Wines & Spirits Collection” clearance sale will operate on a first-come, first-serves basis, offering the opportunity to acquire some of the most coveted beverages without the premium price tag. Each bottle, carefully curated and handpicked by our Food & Beverage experts.

For more information, call (670) 234-1234 and ask to be connected to DJ's Corner. (PR)

CNMI students, teachers invited to join China-US youth camp

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For the first time, 100 CNMI students (and teachers) have been invited to participate in the upcoming 2024 Global Youth Conference & China-U.S. Youth Camp that will be hosted in Beijing, China, all expenses paid. However, due to lack of flight accommodations, booking flights have proven to be challenge for the program's CNMI facilitators and organizers.

Last week, Li Xue, a representative from the China Education Association for International Exchange, visited Saipan to put together a group to help recruit CNMI students to participate in the

upcoming 2024 Global Youth Conference & China-U.S. Youth Camp that will be held

» Lack of flight accommodations could hamper CNMI students from participating

in Beijing, China from July 11 to July 24.

This program aims to immerse U.S. students in cultural exchange and friendship-building in Beijing and Jinan.

Throughout the conference, students will engage in diverse activities such as insightful lectures on Shandong's history, experiential workshops

covering topics like e-commerce and traditional Chinese music, and interactive events like the China-U.S. Youth E-Games and tree planting for friendship.

Students will also dive deep into local communities and schools for a firsthand look at everyday life and home stay opportunities.

In addition, through the program, Chinese students will also have the opportunity to travel to the U.S. in the winter.

Through the help of the China Education Association for International Exchange and sponsors, the trip will be an all-expense paid one for 100 CNMI students (ages 14 -28) and teacher with their only expense being personal ones

(such as souvenirs and snacks) and travelers insurance.

According to CNMI facilitators Maryann Borja Arriola and Jian Qing Zheng, so far, about 35 students and teachers from Saipan have signed up for the program and are hoping to have more students from Tinian and Rota to sign up.

However, due to the program only funding a round-trip ticket from Saipan to Beijing, students from Rota and Tinian will have to purchase their own tickets from their respective islands to Saipan.

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UFO

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a flag-raising ceremony to celebrate Philippine Independence Day, as mandated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

The introduction of the rite was done by Eloisa Manese and Shane Sabino sung the Philippine national anthem, "Lupang Hinirang."

The event also marked the first time that the UFO president was escorted to the flagpole by Emon Masonic Lodge 179 marshals, along with the senior and junior deacons, in raising the flag. In the past it's always the governor who joined them to conduct the flag-raising.

"This is an act of respect as she was elected president of

the umbrella organization of the Filipino community," said Marcelo Masilungan, the former president of UFO-CNMI.

The event was graced by Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang, House Speaker Edmund Vilagomez (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan), Rep. Manny Castro (Ind-Saipan), Mayor Ramon B. "RB" Camacho, and longtime Saipan resident Del Benson, who is running for a House of Representatives seat.

"This is an annual event that I always want to come and appreciate and show my support for our fellow *kababayans* and it's always a beautiful day as we know we have a huge strong population of Filipinos living in the Commonwealth to have made this their home for many decades," said Propst.

Villagomez has never missed

attending the Philippine flag-raising ceremony for 10-15 years and he said, "I wanna show my support in the celebration of the Philippine Independence Day. It's a very important day in Philippine history and the Filipino people have been a big part of the CNMI's history and I just want to show my support and then I celebrate along with the people of the Philippines to celebrate this momentous occasion."

Breakfast and a short program followed after the ceremony at the Costa Terrace Restaurant of ARC. The masters of the ceremony were Deo and Eloisa Manese. The invocation, led by Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez, opened the program.

UFO-CNMI president Birhen Martinez said in her welcome remarks, "Let us be guided by our rich history and

continue to persevere to lift our country in honor of the heroes that came before us. *kababayans*, we are all heroes in our own way. No matter where we are, no matter how small a contribution it may be, we are all today's heroes! Let us continue to devote ourselves to the common good and for the betterment of ourselves and the community."

Apatang, in his special message, said "As I ride down Beach Road and see those hardworking people there at the hot sun. I really feel today, what will happen if those workers are not here, you guys make this island, you guys work hard for us, and we want to thank you, we love you."

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ARREST

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to her positive tests. Teregeyo admitted to these violations during her initial appearance before Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Jan. 24, 2024. Despite this, she continued to test positive for methamphetamine, leading to multiple supplemental declarations and further court hearings.

By Feb. 12, 2024, Teregeyo had self-surrendered to the U.S. Marshal Service and admitted to additional drug use. She was remanded to custody but was later allowed to participate in treatment at the HOPE Recovery Center. Her stay there, however, was marred by further positive drug tests and noncompliance.

Most recently, Teregeyo

was granted a day pass from the HOPE Recovery Center on June 10, 2024, but failed to return by the 6pm curfew. Despite multiple attempts to contact her, she remained unreachable, and as of June 11, 2024, had not returned to the center or contacted her probation officer.

This latest incident prompted the filing of a seventh supplemental declaration, outlining her ongoing violations and justifying the need for an arrest warrant.

"Her consistent pattern of noncompliance and recent absconding from the HOPE Recovery Center necessitate immediate action," said David-Atalig in her declaration. The final disposition hearing is set for June 18, 2024, where it is expected that Manglona will address this latest violation.

CPA

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members, CPA tabled the discussion and cancelled the special board meeting altogether.

In a statement from Manglona, who has been advocating for the termination of RTT's lease, he said he believes that by the next CPA board meeting, board members should be well aware of how RTT's monopoly stevedoring contract is not good for the residents of Rota and CPA itself.

"I have communicated to CPA over the years about how RTT's exorbitant charges and lack of sufficient port equipment are causing great harm and sufferings to businesses and residents of our island. Also, about 28 years ago, CPA amended RTT's contract so that \$50,000 annual lease payment and 5% of the gross revenue payment were cancelled. Yet, the residents continue to be charged exorbitantly. I have every confidence that on their next board meeting, the board

members, after evaluating all the past contract performance history of RTT, they will do the right thing for the people of Rota," he said.

In a previous letter Manglona sent to CPA executive director Leo Tudela, he said the egregious failures of RTT must not continue and CPA has no other option but to terminate the lease.

"RTT's actions and inactions leave no doubt that it can comply with CPA's demands on or before May 26, 2024. RTT's egregious failures to provide the required services efficiently and fully comply with the lease agreement is a horrible travesty ultimately resulting in costly expenditures by the shipping companies, businesses, and, of course, the high commodity prices passed on to the Rota consumers. Moreover, not only do I have no confidence that RTT will comply with CPA's demands to cure all the violations but absolutely no trust that RTT will provide the required efficient services and impose

only reasonable charges at the West Harbor. I look forward to CPA's decision on the termination of the RTT lease agreement on the Rota West Harbor," he said.

RTT and CPA entered into a lease agreement in 1996, allowing the local stevedoring company exclusive use of the seaport for shipping and stevedoring operation.

The annual rental fee was \$50,000 per year plus 5% of the company's gross revenue.

In 2009, the lease agreement was amended, replacing the annual rental fee plus 5% of gross revenues with a monthly rent of 50 cents per revenue ton transacted.

Last April 26, the CPA board gave RTT 30 days to correct the following lease contract violations: failure to remove damaged equipment, failure to maintain operable crane, and failure to maintain a CNMI business license.

RTT's deadline was on May 26, 2024 and they have yet to come into compliance.

During CPA's last board

meeting, Rota board member Steve Mesngnon said RTT president, former senator Victor B. Hocog, sent the CPA board a written request for an extension of the notice of default and asked that the board review the request.

CPA board chair Jose C. Ayuyu, for his part, stated if RTT is not financially sound, they should be honest to come to the board and say, they can no longer do the job.

"The company really needs to be honest to itself. You know, if they can do that job or if they cannot do the job. Everyone on Rota depends on ship deliveries. If shippers cannot bring in food from Saipan through the seaport, that is unacceptable," he said.

If you don't have the money and resources, be a gentleman enough to say, 'I'm sorry I'm not going to accept the contract to run the port because I don't have the resources,'" Ayuyu added.

CPA has yet to set a new special board meeting on the matter.

NWS

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trough passing just to the north. Gentle to moderate trades and combined seas of 3 to 4 feet will prevail through the end of the week," said NWS.

Meanwhile, NWS reports that a weak disturbance centered southeast of Koror will bring showers and thunderstorms to Yap and Palau for another day or two before pushing west-northwest into the Philippine Sea.

"Showers and thunderstorms are seen across Palau and western Yap State and will linger at least through today. Expect relatively improved conditions for the weekend, but still with episodes of showers and gentle winds. Farther east, across Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Majuro, relatively fair weather persists across the region with moderate east-northeast trades and spotty trade wind showers. The ITCZ will become more active later this week bringing

wetter weather to eastern and central FSM, and to a lesser extent, the Marshall Islands. Islands in the RMI north of 10N will remain in a much drier pattern into early next week," said NWS.

NWS said the circulation is not expected to develop as it heads generally west-northwest through the Republic of Palau, bringing showers and thunderstorms, the next couple of days.

Elsewhere in the NWS Guam Area of Responsibility, tropical cyclone activity is not expected through the next seven days.

Drought outlook

Extreme (D3) drought conditions persist across these islands and the CNMI, but general improvement is expected in coming weeks as seasonal showers begin to return.

NWS urges the community to visit the U.S. Drought Monitor and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands web pages for more information on drought conditions across the region.

CNMI SBDC welcomes Ogo as Rota SBDC director/business advisor

The CNMI Small Business Development Center Network is excited to announce the appointment of Charlene Manglona Ogo as the director/business advisor for the Rota Small Business Development Center. This significant milestone comes after an extensive search and persistent efforts to fill the vacant position, a challenge due to the Service Center's remote location and its scarcity of qualified applicants.

Ogo brings with her a wealth of educational and entrepreneurial experience. She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix and has been a successful entrepreneur since 2021. Ogo's business, Sweet7Oh!, specializing in custom-baked goods and desserts, has garnered a loyal customer base and widespread acclaim in the community.

"I am incredibly honored and excited to join the CNMI SBDC Network as the director/business advisor for the Rota SBDC," said Ogo. "I look forward to using my experience and passion for business to support and guide local entrepreneurs in

Rota, helping them achieve their goals and contribute to our vibrant community."

CNMI SBDC Network director Nadine C. Deleon Guerrero also expressed enthusiasm for Ogo's appointment, "Charlene's entrepreneurial background and academic achievements make her an excellent fit for the Rota SBDC. Her dedication and innovative mindset will undoubtedly benefit our clients and further the mission of our Network as we look forward to delivering services to our island community in Rota."

The Rota SBDC has been under the capable leadership of Diana Benavente Hocog, executive director of the NMC Rota Center, who has served as the Rota Service Center's acting director. Her stewardship has been instrumental in maintaining the Center's operations and supporting local businesses during this transitional period. The CNMI SBDC Network extends a depth of gratitude to Hocog for her hard work and dedication to the program.

All interested individuals may contact the Rota SBDC located at the Rota NMC

Campus at (670) 237-6873 or contact the lead center in Saipan at (670) 237-6888. For more information on our programs and services, visit our website at www.cnmisbdc.com or follow us on our social media channels @cnmisbdc on Instagram or CNMI Small Business Development Center Network on Facebook to stay updated with our upcoming events and business opportunities.

The CNMI SBDC Network promotes a business-friendly economic infrastructure in the community, builds entrepreneurial capacity and financial literacy within that community, and provides current and nascent small businesses with the technical assistance, counseling, training, and support they need to innovate, adapt, and grow.

Language assistance services are available for limited English proficient individuals with at least two weeks advance notice. For arrangements, please contact your local SBDC at P.O. Box 501250 Saipan, MP 96950, Tel: (670) 237-6888, or email SBDC Administrative Office manager Adelpha Magofna at adelpha.magofna@marianas.edu. Services are extended to the public on a non-disciplinary basis. (PR)



Ogo

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One (1) Original and Six (6) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-24-022, Workers' Compensation Insurance & Administration**", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than June 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

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EDITORIAL

Trump is not the answer to America's immigration crisis

If you think America's immigration system is broken now, wait until Donald Trump fixes it.

Immigration may be the decisive issue of the 2024 election. Voters consistently cite it as the country's most pressing problem. Migrant encounters at the border reached an all-time high in December, while cities across the US have scrambled to process and house a surge of undocumented arrivals. Perhaps 11 million unauthorized immigrants were in the country in 2022, according to the Department of Homeland Security. Many more have entered since.

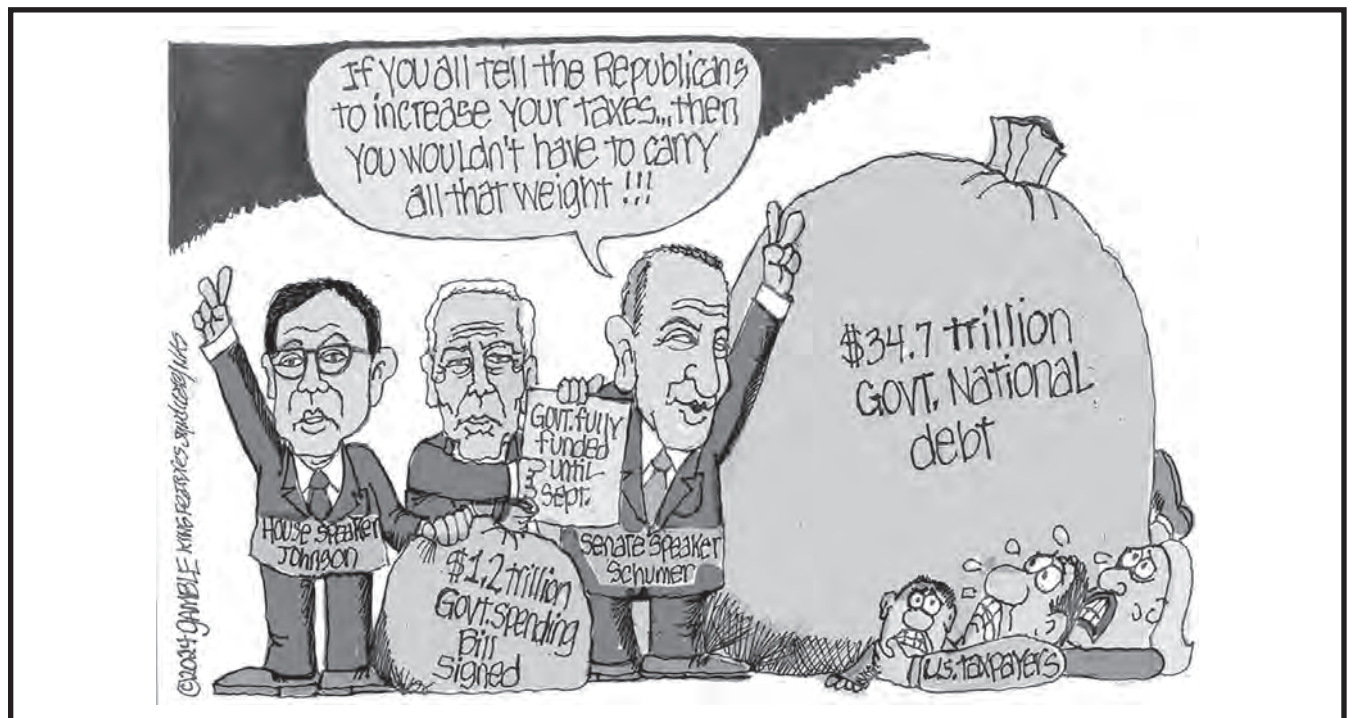
Trump says he'll simply deport them all. In contrast to some of the more effective policies he pursued in this first term, he now cites a military-style program started by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1954, which the government says resulted in the return of about 1.1 million unauthorized migrants to Mexico. (Some scholars put the number far lower.) That precedent is in fact telling, though not in the way Trump thinks: It was cruel, chaotic and achieved nothing of lasting value. Unlawful border-crossing soon resumed, and it hasn't stopped since.

Trump's reprise won't fare any better. The idea, his advisers say, is to use the National Guard and local law enforcement to help conduct nationwide raids, detain migrants in "vast holding facilities" and eventually deport them en masse, in what one aide dubs "the most spectacular migration crackdown." Recall that Trump made similar promises in his first term but was undone by the legal and logistical challenges involved. The problem has not grown simpler in the meantime.

Even if they were competently executed, such policies would be very costly. One study found that arresting and deporting all 11 million undocumented migrants would cost hundreds of billions of dollars, take about 20 years and reduce real gross domestic product by roughly \$2 trillion. Studies of previous deportation efforts suggest that they would also do significant harm to native-born workers: One analysis found that for every 1 million deportations, about 88,000 Americans would lose their jobs. As with the disastrous family-separation policy of Trump's first term, this plan is likely to be gratuitously harmful to children, about 4.4 million of whom are US citizens living with an undocumented parent.

On legal immigration, the story is much the same. A Heritage Foundation plan—widely considered a blueprint for a second Trump term—includes an array of dubious gimmicks intended to impede new entrants and make life harder for those already here. It would effectively gut visa programs for temporary workers, for instance, by directing the Department of Homeland Security to not update its list of eligible countries. It would tweak rules for H-1B visas in a way that would make it all but impossible for recent foreign-born graduates to qualify. It would prevent agencies from devoting staff time to paperwork for programs like Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Across myriad programs, it would raise fees, add red tape, create intentional backlogs and otherwise gum up the works of essential services.

To go down this road is to privilege an ideological fixation over the national good. America's ability to attract legal im-

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Biden is old. Trump is too. But only one of them would trash the Constitution

President Joe Biden's age was back in the news last week, thanks mostly to a front-page article in the Wall Street Journal announcing: "Behind closed doors, Biden shows signs of slipping."

The story was less sensational than the headline. It quoted Republican Kevin McCarthy, the former House speaker from Bakersfield, as saying the president "is not the same person" that he was a decade ago. It quoted the current speaker, Mike Johnson, R-La., as saying that Biden, in a meeting, "appeared to misunderstand" his own policy on natural gas.

But here's a Washington secret you already knew: McCarthy and Johnson, bitter opponents of the Democratic president, aren't reliable narrators here.

The real story is both obvious and elusive. At 81, the president is showing signs of his age. He walks unsteadily thanks to spinal arthritis. Once voluble, he now sometimes gets words tangled when he speaks. He often gets names and details wrong, although he's done that for years.

"What you see on TV is what you get," Republican Sen. Jim Risch of Idaho told the Journal. "These people who keep talking about what a dynamo he is behind closed doors? They need to get him out from behind closed doors, because I don't see it."

That sounds about right. Democrats in Congress say things like that, too, just not for quotation.

But none of that quite proves that he's no longer up to the job—and that's the important question.

In a long interview with Time Magazine published last week, Biden sounded, again, pretty much as he does on television. At one point, he said "Putin," the name of Russia's president, when he appeared to mean China's Xi Jinping. At three points, the transcript says the president's words were "unintelligible."

Yet on matters of substance, he was entirely cogent, often at a detailed level, explaining his policies on Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, and China and Taiwan.

Asked whether he thinks he'll be able to do the job at 85, he bristled combatively, just like the young Biden. "I can do it better than anybody you know," he said.

It has become a recurring cycle. In February, special counsel Robert Hur described the president as "a well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory." Biden erupted with fury. "I know what the hell I'm doing," he said.

A few weeks later, he delivered a feisty State of the Union speech, and the "age issue" seemed to ebb—for a while.

It's as if he's trapped in an election-year version of the myth of Sisyphus, condemned to push the boulder of his years up a hill only to watch it roll down again.

There's a simple reason the issue won't go away: Biden is the oldest man ever to serve as U.S. president, and the oldest to seek a second term. That guarantees that voters will have qualms.

A New York Times/Siena College poll in April reported that 69% of voters think Biden is too old to be an effective president.

His Republican opponent, Donald Trump, did considerably better; only 41% said they think Trump is too old.

By **DOYLE MCMANUS**

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Trump is three and a half years younger than Biden. The former president turns 78 on Friday.

And Trump's flaws are at least as numerous as Biden's.

He, too, mixes up names and places. In recent months, he has frequently said "Obama" when he meant "Biden." He repeatedly confused Nikki Haley with Nancy Pelosi.

He has a hard time pronouncing multisyllabic words ("anonymous," "infrastructure," "origins"). His speeches ramble from one seemingly disjointed thought to another.

And he often says things that are either wildly false, like his claim that he created the strongest economy in American history (not even close)—or nonsensical, like his warning that if Biden wins, "they're going to change the name of Pennsylvania."

So why does Trump benefit from what looks, at least to Democrats, like a double standard?

For one thing, he's steadier on his feet than Biden, and some voters seem to use that as a measure of overall fitness.

But physical agility isn't essential to presidential success. Franklin D. Roosevelt did the job from a wheelchair.

Biden's stiff gait is visible every time he walks across a stage or a parade ground. Trump appears more vigorous, at least at first glance. But we don't actually know which of them is in better physical condition. Biden's medical report, which pronounces him "fit for duty," is six pages long and includes his weight, his blood pressure, his medications and details of his conditions. Trump's report is one page long and includes none of that information.

A second explanation: low expectations. Voters have grown accustomed to Trump's zaniness.

When a reporter recently asked Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., to explain some of the former president's oddball statements, Graham offered an all-purpose explanation: "Give me a break. I mean, it's Trump."

A related theory: brand consistency.

"Biden ran for president on a platform of stability and competence, and that image is undermined by suggestions of mental decline," McKay Coppins of the Atlantic wrote recently. "Accusing Trump of going crazy doesn't work because, well, he has sounded crazy for a long time."

The sobering fact is that we don't have a reliable way to gauge the mental acuity of either candidate.

Biden and his aides argue that he ought to be judged by the

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Biden's urgent, disquieting D-day message—democracy has to be saved all over again

When I traveled with U.S. presidents on foreign trips, I'd have days when I couldn't believe I was actually getting paid for the experience. One of those was June 6, 2004. President George W. Bush was in Colleville-sur-Mer on the French coast in Normandy, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the D-day landing.

The ceremony under a sunny, azure sky was moving enough (and I sat behind Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks, of "Saving Private Ryan" fame). Better yet was my walk later among rows of austere white crosses and a few Stars of David in the Normandy American Cemetery. I was alone but for a few Englishmen. One clutched a clipboard and seemed to direct the others to certain graves. I watched them, then interrupted.

Turns out the elderly men were from a town where U.S. servicemen had stayed in 1944 while awaiting orders to cross the English Channel. They had a list of names and grave numbers for those long-ago American visitors who were now buried in this place. At each grave, they left a cross, 7-by-4 inches, with a red paper poppy affixed above the word "REMEMBRANCE." They gave me one, which for 20 years has had a place of honor in my home. When I dust it, I do so reverently.

That small token holds outsize symbolism, both of an America that is great—its citizens willing to sacrifice to preserve democracy against tyranny for themselves as well as foreigners—and of our allies' gratitude. In that spirit, but with a disquieting difference, I watched the coverage of President Joe Biden's visit to Normandy to mark the 80th anniversary of D-day.

Two decades ago, few if any of us listened to the tributes with any thought that the democracies represented there, or their alliances born of World War II, were at all endangered. Yet now both seem nearly as fragile as the 180 veterans who assembled at the cemetery, mostly in wheelchairs, bent and blanketed. The surviving "boys of Pointe du Hoc" and other Normandy opera-

tions are now centenarians.

At the next decennial commemoration, those last living links to the liberation of Europe from Nazism and fascism will surely be gone. But what of the countries and the cause they fought for? The challenge for the rest of us is to ensure they live on.

That challenge was Biden's theme in his 16-minute speech at Colleville on Thursday. What the United States and its allies did 80 years ago, he said, "was a powerful illustration of how alliances, real alliances, make us stronger—a lesson that I pray we Americans never forget."

The fact that Biden even added that line about forgetting was a tell about his insecurity, and ours. The president, who was a baby on D-day but for the past half-century has been an actor in U.S. foreign policy debates, knows better than anyone the unsettling rightward shift in domestic and global politics of late, and the threats that fester. When he reiterated his message Friday at Pointe du Hoc, the echoes of Ronald Reagan's famous speech there 40 years ago put Biden closer to Reagan's internationalist vision than Reagan's own party is.

In Biden's first State of the Union address two years ago, just six days after Russia invaded Ukraine, a U.S. and European ally, he was more confident: "In the battle between democracy and autocracies, democracies are rising to the moment." Yet he has barely been able to sustain the once-strong U.S. military commitment to the 50-nation coalition backing Ukraine. He faces a growing "America First" isolationism among Republicans in Congress, who take their orders from Donald Trump. And he could well be defeated in November by the former president.

Biden's international audience at the American cemetery Thursday plainly shared the uncertainty about the free world, and about the U.S. willingness to continue to lead it.

There was a burst of applause, where in past years there might

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well have been none, when Biden recounted that after the war the allies established NATO. The clapping seemed to surprise him; it shouldn't have. The subtext: His listeners fear that if Trump is elected again, he'll make good on past threats to weaken or abandon NATO and to encourage the Russians to do "whatever they hell they want."

"Isolationism was not the answer 80 years ago, and it is not the answer today," Biden said to more applause. The test case is Ukraine: "We will not walk away," he said. Applause again. Yet Biden has said that before, and he was nearly proved wrong.

The president's audience was as much the one at home as the one before him on the cemetery's green expanse: "Let us be the generation that when history is written about our time—in 10, 20, 30, 50, 80 years from now—it will be said: When the moment came, we met the moment. ... Our alliances were made stronger. And we saved democracy in our time as well."

The choice has never been clearer: Biden seeks reelection against a rival who's made a movement of "Make America Great Again," which amounts to authoritarianism at home and a go-it-alone, dictator-friendly approach abroad. Trump has none of my reverence—or yours—for America's history of sacrifice and leadership abroad. As president, he canceled a visit to an American World War I cemetery in France, grousing to advisers, "It's filled with losers."

That would appall the Brits I met at Colleville 20 years ago, who'd crossed the Channel to honor the Americans who did the same and died on foreign soil. Now it's up to us to do our small part to salute past generations' sacrifices, and save democracy.

Time to rethink the US nuclear arsenal

The conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza have captured most of the public attention when it comes to thinking about U.S. foreign policy, and rightly so, given the devastating human consequences. But there is another issue that cannot be ignored if we want to secure the future of life on this planet—a new nuclear arms race.

The Pentagon has committed \$2 trillion to producing a new generation of nuclear weapons over the next three decades, and Russia and China are in the midst of their own buildups. Most of the nuclear arms control agreements that helped stave off a nuclear confrontation during the Cold War lie in tatters, and the last major U.S.-Russia accord—the New START nuclear arms reduction treaty—is hanging by a thread.

These developments, along with Vladimir Putin's nuclear threats in connection with the war in Ukraine, have prompted the expert group assembled by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists to set their Doomsday Clock—a measure of the risk of a nuclear war—at just 90 seconds to midnight.

But Congress and the Biden administration have a chance to reverse the momentum toward a conflict no one wants, and few if any could survive. They should rethink the U.S. commitment to the most dangerous weapon in our arsenal—intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs). Experts like former Defense Secretary William

Perry have pointed out that ICBMs are particularly high risk because a president would only have a matter of minutes to decide whether to launch them amid threat of an attack, greatly increasing the risk of an accidental nuclear war based on a false alarm.

Despite these dangers, until now, ICBMs have been politically invulnerable due to a combination of a misguided nuclear doctrine and the power of the corporations and members of Congress that benefit directly or indirectly from the billions we spend building and maintaining them.

That may be about to change. Huge cost overruns on the new ICBM, known as the Sentinel, have forced the Pentagon to review the program. The estimated procurement cost of the system has jumped by a hefty 37% in the last few years alone, with lifetime costs of at least \$315 billion. The cost growth has triggered the Pentagon review, which could recommend anything from canceling the program to going full speed ahead at the expense of other defense priorities.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin should take advantage of this moment to rethink, and ideally terminate, the Sentinel program as a first step toward removing ICBMs from the arsenal altogether. The United States has more than enough nuclear warheads on bombers and submarine-based missiles to dissuade any adversary from attacking us. Getting rid of ICBMs would make us safer by reducing the risk of accidental war, and curbing the mindless rush toward new nuclear weapons of all types could help create a better atmosphere for global reductions.

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Congress, which controls the purse strings, has a critical role to play in eliminating ICBMs, a move that would reshape our nuclear arsenal to make it both cheaper and more effective. In a recent press conference held by the Congressional Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control Working Group, former Rep. John Tierney of the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation offered a blunt indictment of ICBMs:

"Not only are intercontinental ballistic missiles redundant, but they are prone to a high risk of accidental use ... They do not make us any safer. Their only value is to the defense contractors who line their fat pockets with large cost overruns at the expense of our taxpayers. It has got to stop."

The choice is clear. Eliminate dangerous and costly ICBMs, or keep building them, not to mount a better defense, but to serve the financial needs of the companies and politicians that directly or indirectly benefit from their existence. When it comes to ICBMs, it's time to put the public interest above special interests. There's too much at stake to do otherwise.

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migrants is one of its greatest strengths. By one measure, immigrants are responsible for more than a third of aggregate US innovation in recent decades. They're much more productive than migrants to other countries. They produce patents and win Nobel Prizes at rates out of all proportion to their numbers. Yet a president bent on destroying this salutary system—with enough enablers to see the plan through—would have nearly limitless tools to do so.

To be clear: Immigration is perhaps President Joe Biden's signature failure. Last week, he took modest steps to address the issue, belatedly acknowledging voters' concerns. Had he acted more promptly, he might've forestalled a crisis and reduced the likelihood of losing the election. As things stand, that latter possibility looks all too likely—which means that Trump's new plans, in all their ineptitude, may soon become reality.

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results of his first term: the bills he has passed, the alliances he has maintained, and the strong economy he has produced (even though it has come with chronically high prices).

That's a reasonable measure, except it gauges the last three years, not the next five.

A better solution might be the one Haley, the former South Carolina governor, proposed when she ran against Trump in the GOP primaries: Subject both candidates to a cognitive test.

"They should both take the test, along with every other politician over the age of 75," Haley said. "Voters deserve to know whether those who are making major decisions ... can pass a very basic mental exam." (She also said she thought Trump was "diminished" and "not the same person he was in 2016.")

But neither candidate has embraced that idea. And at least one of them would undoubtedly claim the test was rigged if he flunked.

Trump submitted to a cognitive examination six years ago and bragged that he'd "aced" it, although he did not release the actual results. The test, the Montreal Cognitive Assessment, is widely used to screen patients for symptoms of dementia.

The media have a part to play by taking more hard looks at both candidates—beginning, perhaps, with a Wall Street Journal story on Trump.

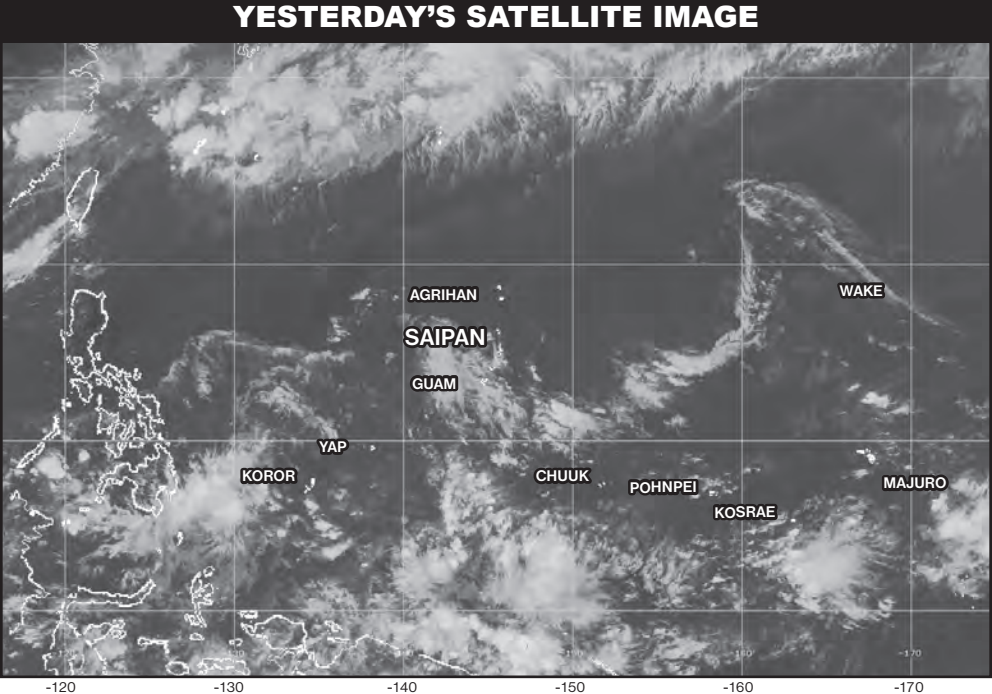
The problem is not that we have an elderly president who's less crisp and coherent than he used to be. It's that we have two elderly candidates, both of whom are less crisp and coherent than they used to be.

One is unsteady on his feet. The other is a serial liar who thinks the Constitution allows him to overthrow elections and jail his opponents.

No wonder voters are dissatisfied.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.		Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers.		Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers.	
87°	78°	87°	78°	87°	77°	87°	78°	88°	78°



PICTURE TIME: 5:55 AM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Gentle to moderate southeasterlies are persisting over the region, as a boundary layer disturbance enhanced by upper-level conditions is producing showers and thunderstorms in the coastal waters. Ritidian buoy indicates seas are between 4 and 5 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	86° / 78°	
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	89° / 79°	
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	88° / 79°	
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	90° / 81°	
Pohnpei	Cloudy	90° / 82°	
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	87° / 82°	
Majuro	Cloudy	86° / 81°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	11:28 AM	-	-
Friday	-	12:08 AM	12:14 PM
Saturday	-	12:40 AM	1:00 PM
Sunday	-	1:13 AM	1:45 PM
Monday	-	1:46 AM	2:33 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	59° / 52°	
Beijing	Fair	98° / 67°	
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	87° / 80°	
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	86° / 74°	
London	Cloudy	63° / 52°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	84° / 63°	
Manila	Partly Cloudy	93° / 84°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	57° / 45°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	83° / 79°	
New York	Cloudy	72° / 61°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	85° / 70°	
Paris	Cloudy	66° / 54°	
Busan	Fair	81° / 67°	
Rome	Windy	77° / 64°	
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	87° / 68°	
San Francisco	Sunny	64° / 53°	
Seoul	Fair	88° / 63°	
Tokyo	Fair	84° / 70°	
Washington, DC	Fair	74° / 64°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
1:36 AM	High Tide	1.93	
7:31 AM	Low Tide	1.30	
11:33 AM	High Tide	1.58	
6:46 PM	Low Tide	0.45	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2024				
DEPARTURES				
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				
UA076	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily	
SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)				
UA824	11:50AM	2:25PM	1, 3, 5	
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				
PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily	
UA193	6:50PM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Palau	
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				
7C3403/2305	4:45AM	10:20PM	Daily	
UA076/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	
UA076/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau	
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				
TW308	3:15AM	7:00AM	Daily	
7C3405	4:10PM	7:45PM	Daily	
7C3403	4:45AM	8:35AM	Daily	
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				
HX77	4:05AM	7:00AM	1, 5	
ARRIVALS				
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN				
UA174	8:00AM	8:50AM	Daily	
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
UA825	5:30PM	9:55PM	2, 4, 7	
MANILA (MNL)-GUAM				
PR110	10:30PM	4:25AM+1	Daily	
UA184	10:25PM	4:20AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7	
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	2, 5 via Palau	
UA184	11:50PM	5:45AM+1	2, 5	
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN				
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:50AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam	
UA184/174	10:25PM	8:50AM +1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam	
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:50AM +1	2, 5 via Guam	
7C2306/3406	11:10PM	3:10PM+1	Daily	
INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN				
7C3406	9:30AM	3:10PM	Daily	
TW307	8:15PM	1:40AM+1	Daily	
7C3404	10:10PM	3:40AM+1	Daily	
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN				
HX76	7:25PM	2:35AM+1	4, 7	

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1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	10:30	11:00	Daily	
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily	
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3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	11:30	12:00	Saturday & Sunday	
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:30	14:00	Monday To Friday	
3104	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily	
ROTA TO GUAM						
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	
3401	ROTA	GUAM	11:30	12:00	Monday To Friday	
GUAM TO ROTA						
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	
4301	GUAM	ROTA	12:30	13:00	Monday To Friday	
SAIPAN TO TINIAN						
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SAIPAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CLINIC

‘Clinic with a Heart’ providing free dental care for past 34 years

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

The Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic has been doing the annual health fair of providing free dental care since 1990, creating a continuous impact to the CNMI communities for the past 34 years.

Dubbed as “Clinic with a Heart,” the program for adults without insurance brought individuals 19 years old and above queueing under the tent set up in front of the SDA Clinic every Sunday of memorial weekend. Patients are eagerly waiting for the 7:30am opening of the clinic doors. They have only one goal—to avail of the free dental services provided to those who do not have dental insurance.

May 26, 2024 was not an exception. Adult patients came at early dawn. Marites Calica, whose name was first on the list, reported that she arrived before 2am. “I want to be sure to get a guaranteed slot,” Calica said.

This year’s free services offered extraction, filling, prophylaxis (dental cleaning), limited x-ray, oral exam/cancer screening and dental kits. Fifty-six patients received treatments. Those whose blood pressure considered high received personal guidance on stress management and offered with prayers.

Levita Manansala appreciated the services she received from SDA Clinic for several years. “The clinic helps me keep my teeth clean without a cost,” she stated with a grin on her face. Manansala does not have dental insurance for 30 years now. A mother who did not want to publish her name shared the same positive impressions. “I do not have dental insurance so I am here today but I always bring my children to this clinic for their dental health needs,” the mother of three kids said. All her children have insurance plans that cover dental care. “I have great admiration of the quality service the Saipan SDA Clinic offers to their patients,” she added.

Sharon Long, registered dental hygienist, finds it gratifying to be able to provide service to patients who have no other means to access treatment. According to Long, the free dental program enables the SDA Clinic “to address patients’ dental needs so they are able to continue their lives with less pain, stress and concerns.” “Helping them to achieve clean and healthy smiles may impact their financial future by increasing their self-confidence which may lead to a new job or a promotion,” Long added.



SDA
A patient receives health counseling at Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic's recent Clinic with a Heart.”



SDA
More Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic staff hard at work



SDA
This year's “Clinic with a Heart” offered extraction, filling, and prophylaxis (dental cleaning).



SDA
This year's “Clinic with a Heart” also offered limited x-ray, oral exam/cancer screening, and provided dental kits.



SDA
This year's “Clinic with a Heart” saw 56 patients receive treatments.

SDA Clinic staff who served during the outreach offered their time free but always with a joyful spirit. “It was truly precious and fulfilling to see the smiles and expressions of gratitude from the patients,” according to Dr. Oh

Ock Kwon, general dentist. “I want to help more people,” she added. Such passion is resonated by the student volunteers. “It was my first time doing something like this but I found that volunteering at the free clinic was fun,” said John



SDA
“Clinic with a Heart” patients queue under the tent setup in front of the SDA Clinic every Sunday of memorial weekend.



SDA
“Clinic with a Heart” patients inside the SDA Clinic lobby.

Song, an 11th grade student from Marianas High School. “I felt like I was doing something meaningful and I hope I can help next time,” Song added. Robin Maclang echoed the sentiments of his classmate.

“The free clinic was a great way to give back to the community,” Maclang stated. Four other volunteer students who assisted in the free clinic have been coming to the clinic to shadow our dentists after their

class hours. Dental shadowing is a service the Clinic gives to the young minds of the community, providing them experience that has a crucial part of their decision to become a dentist someday.

That Sunday, about 80 individuals waited in line but no one was dismissed empty-handed. Each one who came received an oral kit and a clinic pen, served with cold bottle of water and healthy snack bars, putting a smile of appreciation even to those who were not able to receive the care they sought.

Held on Saipan twice a year for those without dental insurance (“Give Kids a Smile for children in February and “Clinic with a Heart” for adults in May), the Saipan SDA’s free dental outreach programs has extended to Tinian and Rota annually.

The annual free dental services it offers to the communities is one way to fulfill the Saipan SDA Clinic’s mission to provide excellent dental care, health education, and outreach programs in order to extend the healing ministry of Christ in the CNMI. (PR)

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SDA
Student volunteers take instructions.



SDA
There were years that SDA Clinic's dental services even took off as far away as Palau, Pohnpei, and the Philippines.

Business

Saipan's 1st LGBTQ+ tours and wedding company launched

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CORRESPONDENT

Sincerely Saipan Destinations, an online tour and wedding company specifically catering to the island's LGBTQ+ community, held a mixer and launch party last June 6 at Mama Rio's Cafe.

The event coincided with Pride Month and saw friends and local business owners of Sincerely Saipan Destinations' PK Phommachanh-Daigo and Myla Deets in attendance with 9Eleven's Power Duo providing the evening's entertainment.

Phommachanh-Daigo and Deets actually organized Sincerely Saipan last month, but the idea was originally created in 2021 when the latter returned to Saipan from San Francisco and worked remotely for a U.S.-based executive search firm as principal partner for Asia Pacific and North America.

Seeing the challenges faced by the island's tourism industry, he felt compelled to aid in its recovery. He believed that his dual master's degrees in social work and business



Owners PK Phommachanh-Daigo and Myla Deets pose with House floor leader Rep. Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan) and Rep. Marissa Flores (Ind-Saipan) during the launch and mixer of Sincerely Saipan Destinations last Friday at Mama Rio's Cafe in Garapan.

administration, as well as his experiences in event planning business on the side while pursuing an MBA, would give him an advantage.

He then approached Deets, owner of MyCapitures Photography, to become business partners. Deets loved the idea and recognized the strength and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community.

The business partners believe that embracing the LGBTQ+ tourism market is an opportunity to breathe new life into the local economy.

"International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association's data underscores the potential economic impact, with the LGBTQ+'s tourism market's annual worth of over \$200 billion reflecting its substan-

tial purchasing and spending habits," said Phommachanh-Daigo.

He added that Sincerely Saipan is more than just a business venture, it's a community project to revitalize the CNMI's economy as they are committed to collaborate with existing local businesses while welcoming new enterprises.

"We are hoping that Sin-

cerely Saipan and its collaboration with a lot of other businesses would be very successful. It's something new and as we know the CNMI has never really been easily adaptive to anything new, it's always scary but this is rebranding. This is about reconnecting with people we haven't met and starting a new community and a whole new tourism, so I'm all for it," said Rep. Marissa Flores (Ind-Saipan).

House floor leader Rep. Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan) was also optimistic about the new business and said, "It can be very effective if marketed well, we know that there are countries where they do not allow same-sex marriage and we do. They can come here and get married, enjoy our beautiful island. I'm excited about the possibilities and right now with an economy going through a difficult time, it's going to be help it. We hope that everyone will support and embrace it."

Joseph Rosario, owner of newly opened floral design company Marianas Xroses, hopes to collaborate with Sincerely Saipan soon. "All weddings need flowers, so I truly hope for the best for them, and I hope to design more for them."

Sincerely Saipan Destina-

tions would like to thank all the sponsors of last week's mixer and launch party, namely Hafa Adai Rent A Car/Joeten Motors, Island Skin Solutions, Ina's Kitchen, Panda House, Pho Tam, Office of Rep. Vince Aldan, Cookie Shop, Velleza Blowdry Bar & Spa, Athlete's Foot, Committee-to-Elect Ed Propst, Office of Rep. Diego Camacho, TurnKey Solutions, Island Training Solutions, Office of Rep. Marissa Flores, First Lady Wella Palacios, Latte Built, DB Media, Pride Marianas, Last Shot Bar, 9Eleven Restobar, Manuel's Catering, Tom Yum Restaurant, Mama Rio's Cafe, LaBine & Associates, MyCapitures Photography, International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association, Salt & Barber, Matthew Deets, Koronan Tasia, Marianas Xroses, Top Shelf Wine & Spirits, WESTCO, and Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

Sincerely Saipan will be co-hosting Pride Karaoke at Tom Yum Restaurant this Saturday, June 15, that will start at 7:15pm and would like to invite the community to join.

To know more about Sincerely Saipan, you can visit their website www.sincerely-saipan.com. For inquiries and booking, you may call (670) 286-3010.

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Celebrate Father's Day in style with brunch at The Terrace

Make this Father's Day a celebration to remember at The Terrace, where indulgence meets excitement located at Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan from 11am to 2pm with special raffle prizes specially made for dads.

Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan is making this year's Father's Day full-scale brunch buffet an extra special one featuring dad's favorites, including tomahawk chops, American beer roasted chicken, Dr. Pepper-glazed BBQ, onaga sashimi, octopus poke with Hawaiian-style oxtail soup, and more. Indulge in The Terrace's decadent, authentic Italian gelato station and an array of special desserts that the little ones will surely enjoy.

Adding to the festivities, all dads will receive a complimentary raffle ticket for a chance to win fantastic prizes tailored to dad's taste. The top prize includes a coveted bottle of Johnnie Walker Green Label, followed by a Portable BBQ Grill from Weber as the second prize, and a Sunday

Brunch for two at The Terrace Restaurant as the third prize. Consolation prizes, such as a case of beer, a beach chair, and a cooler await lucky winners as well.

Brunch is available at \$65 for adults and \$25 for children 4-11 years old. Act fast to enjoy a 20% early bird discount on adult prices by booking before or on June 13, 2024. Don't miss out and make this a Father's Day that the whole family can remember.

For reservations and inquiries, please email cprsaipan@ihg.com or call at (670) 234-6412. For more information and updates on our special events and promotions, follow us on social media, Instagram, and Facebook @crownplazaresortsaipan.

Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan is a 422-room hotel located in Garapan. Guests will be greeted by the resort's lush tropical gardens and panoramic view of Micro Beach, with Crowne Plaza's warm and friendly hospitality ensuring a seamless arrival. (PR)

Life & Style

Billy Ray Cyrus files for divorce from Firerose after 7 months of marriage



Billy Ray Cyrus performs during CMA Fest 2022 in Nashville, Tenn., on June 12, 2022.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Billy Ray Cyrus has filed for divorce from singer Firerose after seven months of marriage.

The 62-year-old country musician filed for divorce from the 36-year-old whose legal name is Johanna Rose Hodges in a Tennessee court on May 22, citing irreconcilable differences and “inappropriate marital conduct.” Cyrus is also seeking an annulment due to fraud on Hodges’ part, saying in the filing that he would not have married Hodges “had he known” about the alleged fraud. The filing gives no further details on the alleged inappropriate conduct of fraud, but says each should be able to keep property that they own separately.

Representatives for Cyrus and Hodges did not immediately return requests for comment. The filing was first reported Tuesday by TMZ.

After getting married in October 2023, the musicians lived in Tennessee and released several songs together over the course of their relationship.

In an Instagram post in April, commemorating their six-month anniversary, Hodges wrote “Life isn’t always easy... but it sure helps when your husband’s also your best friend. Thank you Lord!”

Neither Hodges nor Cyrus has commented on the divorce via their social media accounts.

Cyrus has been married twice before, notably to Tish Cyrus, with whom he shares five children, including musician and actor Miley Cyrus. They divorced in 2022 after nearly three decades together. They had previously attempted divorce twice during their relationship, but called it off in 2010 and 2013.

The 2022 divorce kicked off a highly publicized rift in the Cyrus family. When Miley won her first Grammy Award in February, she said “I don’t think I’ve forgotten anyone” after a long list of thank-yous and shoutouts to her family that included her mother, who was in attendance, but excluded her father and onetime “Hannah Montana” co-star.

‘The Boys,’ Amazon’s hit superhero satire show, will end with Season 5

LOS ANGELES (AP)—“The Boys,” Amazon Prime Video’s epic superhero satire series, will end with its fifth season.

The show’s creator and show-runner Eric Kripke announced “the end has begun” while promoting the series’ fourth season, which premieres Thursday on Prime Video.

“Season 4 Premiere Week is a good time to announce: Season 5 will be the Final Season! Always my plan, I just had to be cagey till I got the final OK from Vought,” Kripke wrote on X, referencing the powerful company that manages the celebrity-like superheroes on the show. “Thrilled to bring the story to a gory, epic, moist climax.”

To accompany the announcement, Kripke shared an image of what appears to be a redacted script for the final episode of the fourth season, with a profane message at the bottom referencing the final season.

The series, which is based on a comic of the same name by Garth Ennis and Darick Robertson, follows a team of vigilantes who take on a group of superheroes who are treated like A-listers and abuse their power. As The Boys, led by Billy Butcher (Karl Urban) and Hughie Campbell (Jack Quaid), also take on the Vought conglomerate that monetizes these superheroes, the show comments on capitalism and corruption while maintaining its status as a sharp, gory action show.

“The Boys” has been one of Prime Video’s most popular original series, spawning two spinoffs, “Gen V” and “Diabolical.” Both take place in the same universe as “The Boys,” with “Gen V” focusing on college-aged heroes mastering their powers, and “Diabolical”



This image released by Prime Video shows Karl Urban, from left, Tomer Capone and Laz Alonso in a scene from the fourth season of “The Boys.”

telling a series of short stories through animated episodes.

In response to a request for comment, Amazon said it had no further information to share on the end of “The Boys” or the status of “Gen V.”

Kripke executive produces “The Boys” with several col-

laborators, including comedy production duo Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg under their production company, Point Grey Pictures. The collaborators also worked on developing “Gen V” together, and the show’s second season is in development.

Jennifer Aniston launches children’s book series with best ‘friend’ Clydeo the dog

NEW YORK (AP)—Inspired by her beloved dog, Jennifer Aniston will soon become a children’s author.

The “Friends” star has a four-book deal with HarperCollins Publishers and animation studio Invisible Studio for a series of works featuring the animated dog Clydeo, based on the actor’s own rescue pet, Clyde. The first book, “Clydeo Takes a Bite Out of Life,” with illustrations by Bruno Jacob, is scheduled for release on Oct. 1.

Clydeo is already a favorite on social media, with more



Jennifer Aniston arrives at a screening of “The Morning Show” during PaleyFest, April 12, 2024, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

than 100 million views across platforms since Aniston first posted about him on Instagram in 2021. “Clydeo Takes a Bite Out of Life,” billed as a “deliciously fun-filled journey of self-discovery and self-confidence,” will tell of Clydeo’s discovery that he’s a gifted cook.

“I could not be more thrilled to be taking Clydeo and his stories to publishing, where he will hopefully inspire children and dog lovers alike with his adorable journey to find his true passion,” Aniston said in a statement.

News of pregnancy likely to make waves among group

DEAR ABBY: For a long time, I thought I was unable to have children. My doctors told me it would be a difficult process and my chances were low due to chronic illnesses I live with. I have accepted this fact, because having a family was the reason I divorced in my late 20s. My ex didn’t want it, and I did, though I didn’t yet know I was likely infertile. Learning this afterward was devastating, but I pivoted into recovery with grit and faith.

I’m in my 30s now, and my closest friends are women who have infertility issues as well, or who have chosen to be childless. I have built a happy life that includes travel, an MBA, an exciting career and the bandwidth to be a support system for others. I’ve made my health a priority and I have learned to love my body.

Well, to our great surprise, my boyfriend and I learned we were pregnant six weeks ago. So far, all the signs point to this being a healthy, viable pregnancy, and we couldn’t be more thrilled. We are both ready for this next big adventure. But knowing how painful birth announcements can be for people with infertility, I’m reluctant to share my happy news.

As I near my second trimester and my life begins to change shape to welcome our miracle, I wonder how I can compas-

sionately let my community know in a way that honors what we’ve been through together. I’m worried about bitterness during a time of so much sweetness.

ELATED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR ELATED: My warmest congratulations to you and your boyfriend. Because you realize that it may upset some of your friends, forgo a big bash announcement and confide in a few of your closest friends. Knowing human nature, I’m sure the news will spread quickly.

Those who love you will be happy for you. Those who can’t bring themselves to feel that way will fade into the background, but please do not feel guilty for your happiness, because you are entitled to it.

DEAR ABBY: How do you handle an annoying neighbor who refuses to use his own trash and recycle bins and sneaks his discards into mine on pickup day? He lives alone, as do several women in the neighborhood, and he’s not helpful to anyone but himself, in good weather or bad. The only time he speaks to me is when he has a complaint about overgrown shrubs or trees near his property. What should I say?

ANNOYED NEIGHBOR IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR NEIGHBOR: Say you do not want him to put anything in your garbage cans. If he continues to do it, you may have to buy cans you can lock. Of course, you will have to unlock them for pickup, but it may be worth the trouble to ensure your garbage is “pristine.”

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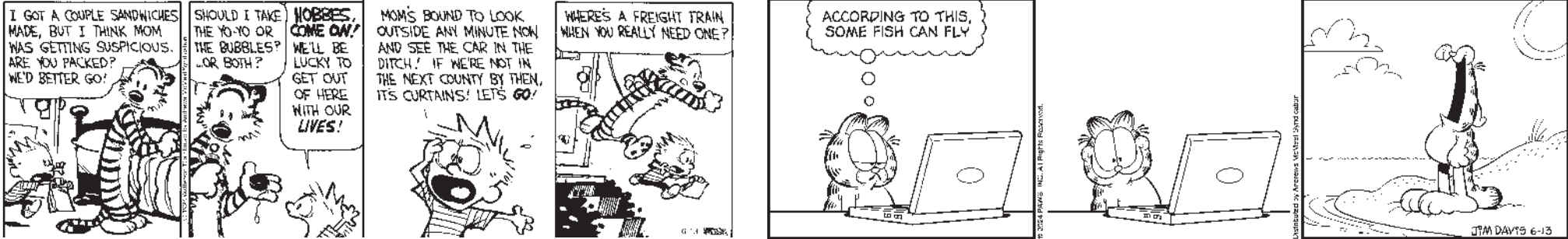
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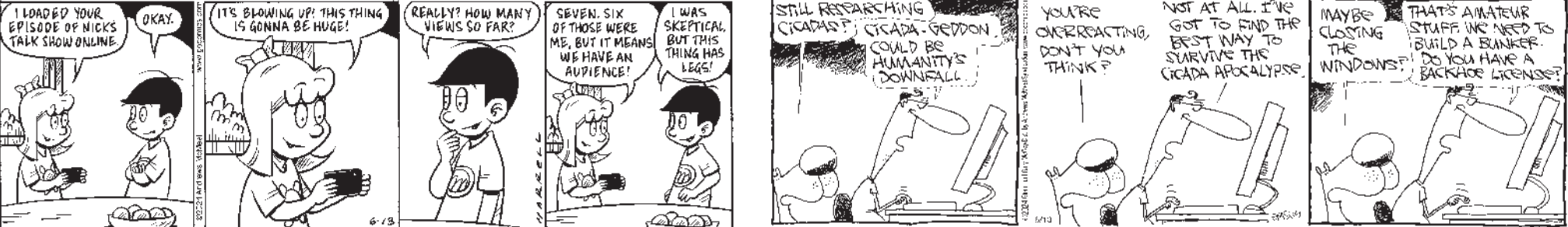


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17 Kick back

18 Tame

20 Farm fathers

22 Mealtime seats for tots

26 Twangy

29 Parisian "yes"

30 Phone trio

31 K thru 12

32 Busy insect

33 Pan handler?

34 Big fuss

35 Calculate a sum

36 Really annoy

37 Backyard furniture

40 Decrease

41 Attached with glue

45 Lake bird

47 Classic car

49 Bullets

50 Avocado dip, for short

51 Days of yore

52 Futile

53 Bohemian

54 Insult

55 Poker pot money

DOWN

1 Party pooper

2 Roof edge

3 Sports-caster

Andrews

4 Asian noodle dish with peanuts

5 Com-poser

Edvard

6 Blackbird

7 Coiffure

8 Italian cheese

9 Vision

10 Guitar master

Paul

11 "Guinness Book" suffix

19 Like Abner or Wayne

21 Sashimi fish

23 Accord maker

24 Actress Perlman

25 Winnow

26 Patricia of "Hud"

27 Emmy winner

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Yesterday's answer 6-13

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kat Dennings, 38; Chris Evans, 43; Tim Allen, 71; Stellan Skarsgard, 73.

Happy Birthday: Take your time to ease into anything unusual, unexpected or foreign. Maintaining what you have rather than focusing on expansion will ensure your long-term safety regarding reputation and position. Gather what you require to build a solid foundation for growth and peace of mind. Don't rely on others; minimize what's essential, and you'll find it easier to adjust to a minimalistic lifestyle. Your numbers are 3, 11, 13, 25, 34, 38, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Reach out, gather information, live and learn as you navigate your way forward. You'll discover an unusual path or source that will encourage more innovative investments and handling of funds. A connection you make will offer insight into new ways to use your skills and qualifications. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Board the fast train and make your way to the finish line. Keeping a steady pace and massaging any situations that may threaten your plans will pay off. Be aware of rules and regulations, and you will find a way to make the system work in your favor. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't play games, regardless of temptation or the need to outwit someone competitively. Stick to the truth and what you do best. Trying to make a big splash will hinder your ability to convince others of your sincerity and deter you from gaining support. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep tabs on those closest to you. An emotional incident will get blown out of proportion if you aren't aware of what loved ones are experiencing. Kindness is challenging when the truth is necessary. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Call on everyone you know to help you reach your destination. Learn from your mistakes, and eliminate a potential problem that might arise. There will be no room for anger. Use intelligence, connections and favors you can call in to help you reach your goal. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus, energize and work hard until you are satisfied with your results. Discipline is your ticket to outmaneuvering anyone who gets in your way. Trust your instincts, not what others try to convince you to believe. Positive change depends on how you handle insecurity. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Listen, absorb and gather enough information to outsmart anyone looking to debate. The more you travel, the more significant the emotional impact will be on you mentally and physically. Dismiss negativity and those trying to push you in a direction you don't care to travel. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Network, chat and appeal to those in a position to help you further your agenda. Change is necessary, but using force isn't the answer. An innovative idea and the power of charm and persuasion will convince others to bet on you. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful who you trust with your secrets, money and heart. Not everyone has the same agenda as you. Listen, ask questions and be blatant regarding intentions and the results you want to achieve. Opportunity is apparent. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't get angry; get moving. Your actions will speak volumes regarding who you are, what you want and how you will live up to your expectations. Don't lollygag when you have people to deal with and places to go. Actions take precedence over coddling. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Watch what others do, and escape the line of fire. Opportunities will come from doing what you do best in the confines of your personal space. Look inward, set physical and mental goals, and refuse to let emotional interference get in your way. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make decisions based on your needs. Be aware of what others are trying to do, and counter any attempt that may hinder your chance to reach your target. An astute approach will help you speak up and shut down anyone who gets in your way. ***

Birthday Baby: You are quick, agile and outspoken. You are complex and mystifying.

☾: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☼: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☽: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ☹: Aim high; start new projects. ☹☹☹: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

7 9 2 8

1 5 2 9

2 8 6 3 5 1

8 3

5 6 3 1 7

1 4 9 3

1 3 9 8

9 8 7 4 6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

2 3 6 5 4 8 9 7 1

4 8 5 1 7 9 3 2 6

9 1 7 6 2 3 4 8 5

1 5 3 8 9 6 2 4 7

7 9 4 3 1 2 5 6 8

6 2 8 7 5 4 1 3 9

8 6 1 4 3 5 7 9 2

3 7 9 2 6 1 8 5 4

5 4 2 9 8 7 6 1 3

Difficulty: ★★★ 6/13
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Lowe, Rays rally past struggling Cubs

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Brandon Lowe capped



Tampa Bay's four-run ninth inning with a three-run homer, lifting the Rays to a 5-2 victory over the struggling Chicago Cubs on Tuesday night.

Richie Palacios started the rally with a leadoff double against Héctor Neris (6-1). Ben Rortvedt reached on a one-out walk before José Caballero's RBI single tied it at 2.

Yandy Díaz then struck out swinging before Lowe drove a full-count pitch deep to right-center for his third homer of the season.

Chris Devenski (2-1) worked a scoreless ninth for the win.

NATIONALS 5, TIGERS 4, 10 INNINGS

DETROIT (AP)—Lane Thomas hit a sacrifice fly in the top of the 10th inning and Washington beat Detroit.

Andrew Chafin (3-2) struck out C.J. Abrams to start the 10th, but Jacob Young took third and Abrams reached first when the pitch sailed past Tigers catcher Jake Rogers.

Thomas put the Nationals ahead 5-4 with a sacrifice fly before Jesse Winker hit into an inning-ending double play.

PHILLIES 4, RED SOX 1

BOSTON (AP)—Kyle Schwarber homered on the first pitch of the game—then added another solo shot in the fifth inning—and Zack Wheeler won his eighth straight decision leading Philadelphia to a victory over Boston.

Wheeler (8-3) has not lost in 10 starts since April 14. He allowed one run on three hits over seven innings, striking out four and walking one to help Philadelphia improve to a season-high 10 games in front of the six-time defending NL East champion Atlanta Braves.

Phillies pitchers retired 14 straight batters before David Hamilton singled with one out in the ninth, but José Alvarado retired the next two batters for his 12th save.

ORIOLES 4, BRAVES 0

BALTIMORE (AP)—Jorge Mateo hit a three-run homer in his first plate appearance after returning to the lineup, and Albert Suarez allowed four hits in 5 1/3 innings to lead Baltimore over Atlanta.

Mateo was reinstated from the concussion injured list and played for the first time since he was hit in the head by teammate Cedric Mullins' bat in a freak accident at the on-deck circle in a June 2 game. He hit a drive into the Baltimore bullpen in the second inning off Max Fried (6-3).



Tampa Bay Rays' Richie Palacios loses his helmet as he scores on a wild pitch by Chicago Cubs' Hayden Wesneski during the seventh inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Suarez (3-0) lowered his ERA to 1.61, and the Baltimore bullpen—which lost left-hander Danny Coulombe to the injured list before the game—kept Atlanta off the scoreboard.

ROCKIES 5, TWINS 4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Ezequiel Tovar hit a three-run homer, Cal Quantrill kept his strong run going with six scoreless innings and Colorado held on to beat Minnesota.

Quantrill (6-4), who's allowed more than two runs just once in his last eight starts, gave up three hits and walked one, while striking out five batters. The 29-year-old right-hander has allowed 10 earned runs in 47 innings (1.92 ERA) since the start of May.

Colorado had just one hit in five innings against Minnesota starter Louie Varland, who was recalled from Triple-A St. Paul earlier in the day. With reliever Caleb Thielbar starting the sixth inning, Charlie Blackmon singled and Brenton Doyle walked before Tovar lined a pitch over the wall in left field for his 11th homer of the season.

MARLINS 4, METS 2

NEW YORK (AP)—Tim Anderson returned from the bereavement list and produced his first two-hit game in three weeks Tuesday night, sparking Miami to a win over the New York Mets.

The 2019 AL batting champion, who entered hitting .188 this season, had an RBI single in the second inning before singling and scoring in the fifth when Bryan De La Cruz doubled off the glove of Harrison Bader in deep center field.

Jazz Chisholm Jr. scored the go-ahead run two batters later, when Jake Burger hit a hard smash and reached on a two-

out throwing error by Mets third baseman Mark Vientos.

GUARDIANS 5, REDS 3

CINCINNATI (AP)—Josh Naylor hit his 17th homer and Tyler Freeman made two impressive defensive plays, helping Cleveland beat Cincinnati in the opener of the Ohio Cup series.

Steven Kwan hit a two-run double for AL Central-leading Cleveland, which earned its third consecutive win. Triston McKenzie (3-3) pitched 5 1/3 innings of two-run ball, and Emmanuel Clase worked a shaky ninth for his 20th save.

The Guardians went ahead to stay with three runs in the third against Nick Martinez (2-4). Bo Naylor and Kwan hit consecutive RBI doubles, and Josh Naylor added a run-scoring single.

PIRATES 2, CARDINALS 1

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Connor Joe and Oneil Cruz drove in runs in the ninth inning, lifting Pittsburgh to victory over St. Louis.

Colin Holderman (2-0) gave up two hits but no runs in the eighth and David Bednar earned his 14th save by pitching the ninth despite giving up a first-pitch leadoff home run to Nolan Gorman.

Bednar has converted 13 straight save opportunities and his 75 saves are the seventh-most in team history.

Both starters were splendid and neither gave up a run.

YANKEES 10, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo., (AP)—Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 25th home run with a 436-foot, two-run drive into the fountain behind the center-field seats,

and the New York Yankees routed Kansas City for their 11th win in 14 games.

Giancarlo Stanton followed Judge with a 446-foot shot to center off reliever Nick Anderson for his 16th home run of the season, and Austin Wells hit a three-run homer off starter Brady Singer.

Back in the lineup after his first game off this season, Judge hit his 21st homer in his last 41 games and also singled in New York's first run. Judge raised his average to .309 and is hitting .419 with 44 RBIs in his last 35 games after batting .197 through May 2.

AL-best New York (48-21) improved to 39-4 when Judge and Stanton homered in the same game, including the play-offs, and to 16-1 against the AL Central this season. The Yankees are a season-best 27 games over .500.

BLUE JAYS 3, BREWERS 0

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Yusei Kikuchi and four Toronto relievers combined to shut out Milwaukee.

Kikuchi (4-5) gave up three hits in five innings, walked four and struck out five to record consecutive wins for the first time since April. Kikuchi gave up one run in six innings in his previous outing on Thursday against the Orioles.

Closer Yimi Garcia got four outs to record his fifth save in six tries.

ASTROS 3, GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Ronel Blanco had eight strikeouts in six innings, Mauricio Dubon scored twice and Houston beat San Francisco.

Blanco (6-2) allowed one run on three hits and became

the first pitcher in Astros history to go undefeated in his first nine career road starts, improving to 6-0 away from home. His eight strikeouts tied a season high.

Houston took a 3-1 lead in the fifth when two runs scored on an RBI infield single by Alex Bregman. With two outs and runners on second and third, Gold Glove third baseman Matt Chapman grabbed Bregman's softly hit ball with a bare hand but threw wide of first for an error, allowing both runners to score.

MARINERS 4, WHITE SOX 3

SEATTLE (AP)—Cal Raleigh hit a go-ahead two-run double in the seventh inning and Seattle earned a comeback win over the Chicago White Sox.

It was the second consecutive night that Raleigh drove in the winning run, after he hit a walk-off grand slam against Chicago on Monday.

Mariners starter Jhonathan Díaz surrendered four singles in the top of the second inning, including a bases-loaded hit by Martin Maldonado. Prior to his RBI single, Maldonado was 0 for 35 dating to May 11, and 1 for 46 over his past 15 games.

PADRES 4, ATHLETICS 3

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Kyle Higashioka homered leading off the ninth inning and San Diego beat Oakland.

Fernando Tatis Jr. extended his hitting streak to a career-high 17 games, but Jurickson Profar, who entered second in the big leagues in batting and first in the NL in on-base percentage, hurt himself swinging at a pitch leading off the eighth.

Profar was replaced by pinch-hitter David Peralta,

who flied out to center field. The Padres loaded the bases with two outs before Merrill Jackson flied out to left.

Higashioka ended it with a drive to left off left-hander Scott Alexander (0-1), his fifth homer of the season. It was the first career walk-off homer for Higashioka, and his second game-ending hit.

Robert Suarez (3-0) got the win.

Tatis singled and doubled. He has the longest current hitting streak in the majors. He also extended his on-base streak to a career-best 21 games.

DODGERS 15, RANGERS 2

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Shohei Ohtani, Freddie Freeman, Teoscar Hernández and Jason Heyward homered in a seven-run sixth inning as the Los Angeles Dodgers routed the defending World Series champion Texas.

Will Smith blasted a three-run shot in the first, giving the Dodgers a lead they never relinquished in the opener of the interleague series. Their 15 runs were a season high.

James Paxton (6-1) allowed one run and two hits in six innings. He struck out two and walked two.

The last time the Dodgers homered four times in an inning was on Sept. 29, 2021, against the San Diego Padres.

Ezequiel Duran accounted for both of the Rangers' runs. He had a sacrifice fly in the second and homered with two outs in the seventh.

DIAMONDBACKS 9, ANGELS 4

PHOENIX (AP)—Randal Grichuk had a two-run homer as part of a three-hit night, Corbin Carroll, Gabriel Moreno and Lourdes Gurriel Jr. all added three more hits and Arizona beat the Los Angeles Angels.

Grichuk finished a single short of the cycle, while Carroll was a homer shy of the feat. Moreno hit two doubles and had two RBIs. No Diamondbacks player has hit for the cycle since Aaron Hill on June 29, 2012.

Carroll got the scoring started in the second inning with an RBI triple into the right-center gap that brought home Grichuk. Two batters later, Geraldo Perdomo added an RBI single to make it 2-0.

Angels lefty José Suarez (1-1) made his first start of the season after 16 relief appearances. He didn't last long, giving up four runs on six hits and a walk over 2 2/3 innings while striking out three. He was pulled after giving up a towering two-run homer to Grichuk in the fourth that made it 4-2.

Arizona's Jordan Montgomery (4-4) gave up three runs over 5 2/3 innings, providing a decent start after two straight stinkers.

Irving on what has to change for Dallas: 'It starts with me'



DALLAS (AP)—The last 12 games where Kyrie Irving has played against the Boston Celtics have all ended with the same outcome.

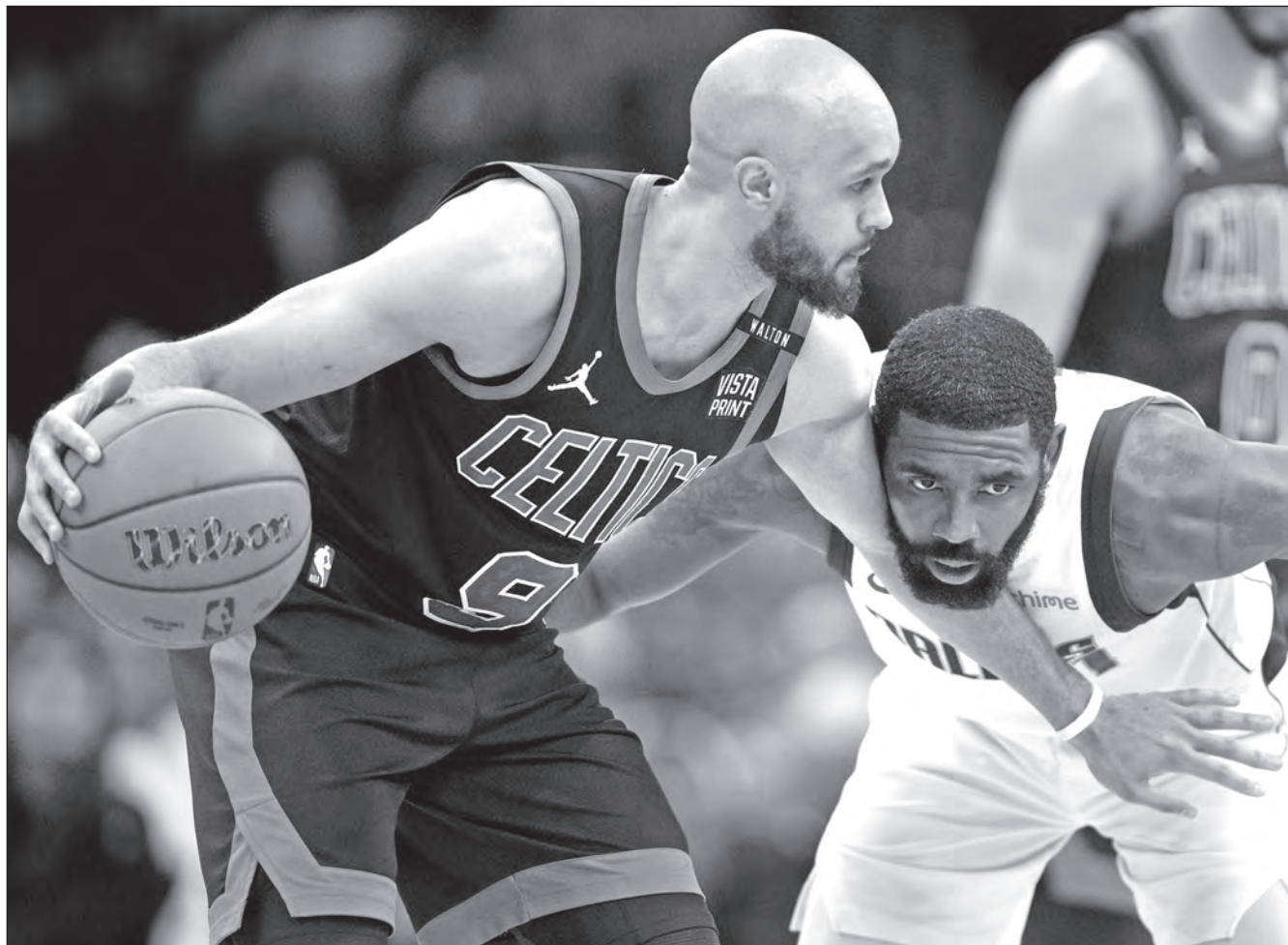
His team lost.

It's a streak that Irving and the Dallas Mavericks would desperately like to see end Wednesday night, when they play host to the Celtics in Game 3 of the NBA Finals. Boston leads the series 2-0.

"First thing of that is just accepting that I haven't played well or up to my standards, as well as I would have liked," Irving said. "Being back in Boston, there's such a level of desire that I have inside of me to play well. Wanted to be there for my teammates. As a competitor, it's frustrating. But I don't want to let that seep in or spill over to any other decisions I have to make there as a player."

Irving shot only 35% in the first two games of these finals in Boston, averaging 14 points and four assists in his former home arena—where fans make clear that they don't like him much. He's shot 50% or less in each of his last 10 games against the Celtics.

"I just can feel the stakes being raised up a little bit more," Irving said. "The pressure is natural. Makes diamonds. ... We just have to continue to lean in on each



Boston Celtics guard Derrick White (9) holds back Dallas Mavericks guard Kyrie Irving while looking to pass during the second half of Game 2 of the NBA Finals basketball series, Sunday, June 9, 2024, in Boston.

other, especially when it gets tough out there. We're going against a great team. They're not going to stop pressing us, stop their pace, stop testing us on both ends of the floor. We know what we're in for. But now we have to raise it

to an even higher level, and it starts with me."

The odds

Dallas is a 2.5-point favorite in Game 3, according to BetMGM Sportsbook, and unless the line changes significantly it'll mark

a rare instance of Boston being an underdog this season.

Wednesday will be the Celtics' 99th game of the year.

They've been underdogs only three times in the first 98—at Sacramento on Dec. 20 (a 144-119 Boston win), at Mil-

waukee on Jan. 11 (a 135-102 Bucks win) and at Milwaukee again on April 9 (a 104-91 Bucks victory).

Tatum watching

Florida Panthers star Matthew Tkachuk said he's rooting for the Boston Celtics in the NBA Finals for an obvious reason—he went to school in St. Louis with Jayson Tatum.

And, as one might guess, Tatum is rooting for the Panthers in the Stanley Cup Final.

"I actually watched him win last night," Tatum said Tuesday, referring to Florida's 4-1 win over Edmonton that gave the Panthers a 2-0 lead in that title series. "Trying to learn and understand the rules in the game of hockey more and more. I got to watch the game last night. They won. Like I said, I'm extremely happy for him and his family. Hopefully they win it all."

Closing in

Boston enters Game 3 of the NBA Finals with 1,582 makes from 3-point range this season, including playoffs.

That means the Celtics are 15 3s away from breaking the NBA's full-season record. Boston connected on 1,596 shots from deep last season to set the mark.

Celtics' Porzingis questionable for Game 3 of NBA Finals

DALLAS (AP)—Kristaps Porzingis hasn't played a game in Dallas since the Mavericks traded him nearly 2 1/2 years ago, and now it is uncertain if he will play there in Game 3 of the NBA Finals for the Boston Celtics.

Porzingis has a rare tendon injury in his lower left leg, which occurred in the third quarter of Boston's 105-98 victory for a 2-0 series lead. The team said Tuesday that he was day-to-day, and Porzingis said he will do everything he can to play Wednesday night.

Asked if it was a pain-tolerance issue or if he could do more damage, Porzingis said he didn't know the specifics.

"That's something I'll leave in the medical staff's hands to determine whether I can go or not," he said. "Nothing is going to stop me unless I'm told I'm not to, or not allowed to play. That's the only reason I would not be out there."

The 7-foot-2 Latvian center has a tear in tissue that holds tendons in place. The Celtics said it was unrelated to the right calf strain that sidelined him for 10 consecutive playoff games before he returned last Thursday for the start of the NBA Finals.

Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla described it as a "serious injury" and said the team wouldn't put Porzingis in any bad situations. Porzingis is listed as questionable.

"We've taken the decision to play out of his hands because the importance of him," Mazzulla said. "He's going to do everything he can to play. We're going to leave it up to our medical team. That's really it."

Porzingis was wearing slides instead of sneakers when he spoke with reporters before practice. He walked with a slight limp and had a black sleeve covering his lower left leg on the off day.

Without elaborating, he said he was having treatment all day and doing whatever the medical staff told him. He wasn't on the court for the open portion of practice.

"I can't trick them into allowing me to play," he said.

Porzingis said he felt something after bumping knees Sunday night with Dallas center Dereck Lively II but kept playing. He left the game in the final minute of the third quarter and played only about 3 1/2 minutes in the fourth.

After the game, Porzingis

downplayed any injury concern, saying he was optimistic and would "die out there if we need."

On Tuesday, he said, "I'm living by those words. ... I mean I hope not, but if it comes to that to win, I guess."

In his return during Game 1, his first career game beyond the first round, Porzingis jump-started the Celtics with 11 points and two blocks in the first quarter of the 107-89 win while finishing with 20 points, three blocks and six rebounds. He scored 12 points in 23 minutes of Game 2.

"We're just so much of a better team when we have him. 7-4 unicorn, right? He's as talented as they come," Celtics forward Jayson Tatum said. "Yes, we've had success and found ways to win without him. Obviously, we're better when he's on the team, when he's out there playing with us."

The 28-year-old Porzingis was the fourth overall pick by the New York Knicks in 2015, and was an All-Star before a torn ACL forced him to miss all of 2018-19. They traded him to Dallas in January 2019, a deal involving seven players and two first-round draft picks.

Tatum knows his shooting numbers aren't great. The Celtics control the NBA Finals anyway

DALLAS (AP)—There have been two versions of Jayson Tatum so far in these NBA Finals.

Version One is shooting a dismal 12 for 38 from the field, just 31.6%, the worst percentage by far of any starter in the series between his Celtics and the Dallas Mavericks. Version Two is second in the finals in total rebounds, leads the series in assists and, according to BetMGM Sportsbook, is currently favored to win the NBA Finals MVP award.

Add them up, and the Celtics seem completely satisfied what they're seeing from Tatum, as usual. The Celtics have a 2-0 lead in the finals going into Game 3 in Dallas on Wednesday night, meaning the NBA's best team all season is halfway to an 18th championship.

"I understand that I do need to be more efficient," Tatum said Tuesday. "I do need to shoot the ball better, I would not disagree with anybody on that. But I'm not letting it bother me. I'm still trying to find ways to impact the game and dominate the game in other areas."

Getting too deep into Tatum's numbers in this series—or even when adding the 2022 NBA Finals to the totals—

isn't a great idea, simply because of the sample size. He's been in a total of eight finals games. It's not enough to draw conclusions.

That said, while the shooting is almost shockingly bad—no player in the last 60 years, with as many shot attempts as Tatum has all-time in NBA Finals play, has shot worse than his .354 clip—he's on pace to do something historic. If his averages of 17 points, 10 rebounds and 8.5 assists hold up through the rest of the series, he'd be the second player to finish a finals with those numbers.

The other is LeBron James, who did it four times.

"Criticism is the ultimate beauty," Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said. "It's a sign of ultimate respect. It's just a beautiful thing. I really love the way Jayson has handled that. It's just a testament to who he is."

It is good news for the Mavericks that they've done well on Tatum through two games.

The bad news, of course, is that it hasn't mattered much. Tatum fills up the box score in other ways, and the Celtics won both games at home to open the series.

"I think he's one of the best players in the world," Maver-

icks coach Jason Kidd said. "You're trying to just make it tough. That's all you can do, is hopefully guard the first move, guard the second move, guard the third move and contest. Guys are doing that at a high rate, trying to make it tough on him."

Shooting-wise, these two games in the finals represent the worst two-game span of Tatum's season. He was barely better in games against Denver and Houston in mid-January, shooting 31.7% in those.

The next game after that little stretch saw Tatum score 39 points. The Mavericks should know that one well; it was against them. So, they're likely pretty certain that Tatum's shooting won't stay cold for long.

"Over time you learn how to deal with all the extra noise and attention, whether it's positive or not so positive," Tatum said. "You know, I'm a fair, smart person. I know when I'm doing things at a high level. I know when I need to do certain things better. So I'm not, like, oblivious to what's going on. At the same time, just keeping the main thing the main thing and focusing on trying to win the next game. That's what's most important at this time."

‘Pikaboo’ excited; ‘Lion Heart’ preparing for war

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Saipan’s Shane “Pikaboo” Alvarez and Guam’s Isaac “Lion Heart” Crisostomo can’t wait to face each other in the co-main kickboxing event of Trench Warz Promotions’ Ring of Fire 2 this Saturday at the Garapan Central Park.

“I’m super excited to finally get back in the ring and represent Saipan in the main event for Ring of Fire 2. It’s been six years since my last fight which was here on Saipan as well on April 2018. We had our first fight since then on Dec. 16, 2023 which was Ring of Fire but I only cornered the boys.”

Alvarez said the first Ring of Fire motivated him to get back in the groove and train for mixed martial arts again and he’s happy that he gets to show his wares come Saturday.

“We train kickboxing on Mondays and Fridays at the Trench Tech Gym and we have a solid group of boys who are consistent and have a great future in this sport! We’ve been doing a lot of sparring and just training and helping each other prep up. Once we got notice that we were set to fight we picked up the intensity and trained Monday-Friday,” said the 30-year-old Financial & Insurance Services Group staff.

Crisostomo, who comes into the fight with 1-2 win-loss card, said he will try his best to give fight fans a great show.

“I know it’s going to be a war. So, I’m sticking to the basics and getting



LEIGH GASES

Guam’s Jake Albert swerves to dodge Trench Tech’s Andres “Tanapag Beach Bad Boy” Camacho’s jab during their main event boxing match in the “Ring of Fire” at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse last Dec. 16.

my conditioning on par with my cardio endurance,” said the 20-year-old Paradise Fitness trainer.

The Alvarez-Crisostomo tiff will be one of two main event matches out of the 25 fights scheduled that evening. The other main event will feature Trench Tech’s Ram “Korean Blood” Lee vs. GuamMuayThai’s Jake Albert in a boxing bout.

To prepare for Ring of Fire 2, the 31-year-old Lee said he’s been training a minimum of three hours five times a week and has already lost 20 lbs. to drop down to bantamweight from lightweight. The tour guide has a 2-1 record in kickboxing.

Albert, for his part, said he’s been a gym rat the past two months and knows about Lee’s drastic weight loss coming into the fight.

“No much to say, but we’ll see how it goes and hope the crowd en-

joys the match. Don’t know much about Ram Lee, but I do know he’s taller and he had to cut weight. I believe he was fighting at 160 lbs. before in ROF 1,” said the 25-year-old basketball referee for the Guam Basketball Confederation.

The other 23 matches in the Ring of Fire fight card are as follows:

■ Roan De Ocampo (Independent) vs. Jyro Cruz (Trench Tech)—boxing super atom weight

■ Kody Palacios (Trench Tech) vs. Josh “The Kold Blooded Soulja” Josen (Independent)—boxing featherweight

■ Dion “Bumble Bee” Ogo (Team Dree) vs. Lorenzo Reyes (Trench Tech)—kickboxing flyweight

■ Teipo Asep (Latte Built) vs. Nate Zhuang (Trench Tech)—kickboxing lightweight

■ Mateo “The Sledge Hammer” Salvalosa (MCAMMA/PRIMEVIL)

vs. Aiden Nekaifes (Trench Tech)

■ Justin Agulto (MCAMMA/PRIMEVIL) vs. Edwin Kim (Trench Tech)—kickboxing featherweight

■ Thomas Agulto (MCAMMA/PRIMEVIL) vs. Jerome Reyes (Trench Tech)—kickboxing bantamweight

■ Tyron “The Half Breed” Tuma-da (Dree Team) vs. Jun San Nicolas (MCAMMA/PRIMEVIL)—kickboxing light heavyweight.

■ Gable De Chavez (GuamMuay-Thai) vs. BengBeng “Da Dengdeng” Palacios (Trench Tech)—kickboxing atom weight.

■ Marnel Cornileo (GuamMuay-Thai) vs. Jeff Quitugua (Trench Tech)—K1

■ Skylee Mesa (GuamMuay-Thai) vs. Grachen Pintor (MCAMMA/PRIMEVIL)—ladies kickboxing atom weight

■ Nick Taisacan (MCAMMA/Primevil) vs. Phil “Prime Time” Gregorio (Trench Tech)—K1 atom weight

■ John Lloyd Dela Cruz (TT) vs. Dylan Pomdi (MCAMMA/PRIMEVIL)—K1

■ Mark Azacron vs. Dylan Benevente (Benevente Striking Academy/Tha Yard Fitness)—kickboxing heavyweight

■ Travis Kaipat (Ind.) vs. Jose Camacho (Trench Tech)—kickboxing lightweight

■ Keith Sablan (Benevente Striking Academy/Tha Yard Fitness) vs. Neo Skerei (independent)—kickboxing bantamweight

■ Patterson “Paddy the Bad-dy” Joseph (GuamMuayThai) vs. “Shotgun” Mike Camacho (Trench Tech)—boxing bantamweight

■ Ethan Afleje (Benevente Striking Academy) vs. Andres “Tanapag

Beach Bad Boy” Camacho (Young-Boys Inc/TrenchTech)—kickboxing bantamweight

■ Tyrese Bokuku (MCAMMA/PRIMEVIL) vs. Jimmy “Crazy Ray” Polk (Trench Tech)—kickboxing

■ Josh Mesa (GuamMuayThai) vs. Jeremiah Salvador (Extreme MMA)—kickboxing

■ Justin Palabay (MCAMMA/PRIMEVIL) vs. Donovan Santos (Trench Tech)—kickboxing

■ 12. John “Bonez” Lee (GuamMuayThai) vs. Saips They (MCAMMA/PRIMEVIL)—kickboxing

■ Jose Mafnas (independent) vs. Bonnie “Hitman” Sagana (Latte Built)—boxing middleweight

Tickets for ROF 2 are \$25 for all seats and are on sale now at Boarderline Skate Shop at the Hafa Adai Joeten Shopping Center in Garapan and also at 4EVER CNMI in Chalan Laulau Quarter Master intersection.

Official weigh-ins will be on Friday, June 14, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Garapan Central Park roundhouse.

Ring of Fire 2 will have early preliminary matches from 4pm to 6pm. Doors open at 3pm. Then the main card gets underway at 6:30pm to midnight.

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MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
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New York	48	21	.696	—
Baltimore	44	22	.667	2½
Boston	33	34	.493	14
Toronto	33	34	.493	14
Tampa Bay	32	35	.478	15
Central Division				
Cleveland	43	22	.662	—
Kansas City	39	29	.574	5½
Minnesota	35	32	.522	9
Detroit	32	34	.485	11½
Chicago	17	51	.250	27½
West Division				
Seattle	39	30	.565	—
Texas	31	35	.470	6½
Houston	31	37	.456	7½
Los Angeles	25	41	.379	12½
Oakland	26	43	.377	13
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Philadelphia	46	20	.697	—
Atlanta	35	29	.547	10
Washington	31	35	.470	15
New York	28	37	.431	17½
Miami	23	43	.348	23
Central Division				
Milwaukee	39	28	.582	—
Pittsburgh	32	34	.485	6½
Chicago	32	35	.478	7
Cincinnati	32	35	.478	7
St. Louis	31	34	.477	7
West Division				
Los Angeles	42	26	.618	—
San Diego	36	35	.507	7½
San Francisco	33	35	.485	9
Arizona	32	35	.478	9½
Colorado	24	43	.358	17½

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while up-and-coming weightlifters are Kaya Rasa, Jaden Andrew, Lucio Eugenio, and Joseph Pangelinan. They are coached by NMI Weightlifting Federation president John Davis.

Davis said of the team, “I like our chances—we will bring home some medals—maybe not as many as the past, but some.”

“Our new guys are going to be a part of that medal count—I think. There might be some bronze and maybe even some silver—we’ll see,” he said.

As for how the team was selected, he said they invited them to train in their training center inside the Gil-

bert C. Ada Gymnasium. “We gave them a look over and if they lifted enough weight and looked good doing it, we invited them to work on the team,” he said.

Davis said that their youngest lifter are both Andrew and Eugenio. Andrew has some international competition experience, while it’s Eugenio’s first time. He said he’ll see how both will do and if competing in the 2025 Pacific Mini Games in Palau is in their future.

With Labausa selected as Team NMI’s flagbearer, Davis said, “it was past due. She should’ve been flagbearer when we went to the Solomons for the Pacific Games. You heard all of that stuff they said about the medals and competitions she’s won? Nobody else here can match

her record. She’s been there internationally, so I think it’s beyond time.”

Labausa’s weightlifting achievements include three gold medals in the 2018 Micronesian Games, three silver medals in the 2022 Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games, silver in the 2022 Oceania Champs, gold in the 2023 Guam National Championships, gold in the 2023 Marianas Cup, and recently, a bronze medal in the 2024 Oceania Championships.

For Cristobal, he recently won

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put up 10 runs after a three-run first inning for an overwhelming lead.

The Blue Jays had just one run in the first and three in the second for a 4-13 game.

The Braves weren’t done yet as they scored five more in the fourth, while the Blue Jays only came up with one more.

The Braves’ Justin Garde and Herman Iguel led the charge with three runs each.

In the first game of the day, Ol’Aces won over the Cobras, 14-4, to get a semis spot.

Ol’Aces got to work early and rounded the bases four times in the first. Meanwhile, the Cobras got two on the board for a 2-4 game. However, Ol’Aces kept the lead as they

bronze in the 2024 Oceania Senior, Junior, and Youth Championships, bronze in the 2023 Pacific Games, silver in the 2022 Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games, gold in the Crestview Bar Slam, among others.

While Riella won bronze in the 2022 Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games and silver in the 2nd Marianas Cup in 2021.

The weightlifting competition in the Games is set on Monday, June 17, and Tuesday, June 18.

scored three in the second while Cobras put just two more to make it 4-7.

Seven more runs came in for Ol’Aces in the last inning—two from leadoff batter Preston Santos. Santos led the team with his four runs overall.

The Cobras were then silenced for the rest of the game as Ol’Aces pitchers brought on the heat and kept them from scoring for Ol’Aces’ win by a 10-run margin.

In the Majors’ semis, it’s the Braves vs. the Marlins, and the Lil’ Blue Jays vs. Ol’Aces.

In last Saturday’s playoff games of the Majors Division, the Braves blanked the Pirates, 15-0; the Marlins won over the Comets, 8-5; and the Lil’ Blue Jays beat Lil’ Cubs, 9-7.

The Junior Division championships between the Phillies and the Braves is set for 12pm, while the Majors Division championships is right after at 2pm.

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was very fun”.

Indalecio said of his award, “I’m excited and proud.” The 9-year-old said his favorite event was the 200m, while the hardest one was the relay.

As for Moses, who also runs in the All-Schools Cross Country competitions, he thanked his family and coaches for their support. He will be returning next season to compete in the middle school track and field and cross country events.

Public School System Athletics Program director Nick Gross said after the ceremony, “On behalf of the Public School System, the Northern Marianas Athletics, and McDonald’s of Saipan, we ask you to keep running, keep jumping, and keep throwing. The season will be here before you know it and we have the cross country season coming up in September again. Once again, thank you to McDonald’s of Saipan. Thank you for 19 fabulous years of putting on these events, and we look forward to our 20th right around the corner.”



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Experience and youth to storm weightlifting platform

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The NMI National Weightlifting Team is enroute to Majuro, Marshall Islands for the 2024 Micronesian Games.



Their athletes—a mix of experience and youth—is set to take on the weightlifting platform and bring home some medals.

Veteran NMI weightlifters are Team NMI's flagbearer Antonette Labausa, Riella Ichio, and Leowell Cristobal, See YOUTH on Page 15



The NMI National Weightlifting Team poses for a photo with coach John Davis, center, during Team NMI's send off ceremony to the 2024 Micronesian Games in Majuro, Marshall Islands last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Phillies vs. Braves in Jr. champs; Ol'Aces advances to Majors semis



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Ol'Aces pitcher Liam Sablan delivers a pitch during their playoff game against the Cobras in the Majors Division of the 2024 Natibu Sports Association Youth Baseball League at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Baseball Field last Sunday.

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It's the Phillies vs. the Braves in the Junior Division championships of the 2024 Natibu Sports Association Youth Baseball League, while Ol'Aces eliminated the Cobras to advance to the semis of the Majors Division.

The Phillies and Braves bested their foes last Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Baseball Field to secure their finals spot.

First, the Phillies took on the Comets and zoomed past them, 13-3.

The only three runs for the Comets came in the second inning by Nath Borja, Sidro Kani, and Carmelo Pangelinan.

On the other hand, it was a slugfest for the Phillies as

they put up a run in each inning. After the three-run second inning by the Comets, it was tied, 3-3, but the Phillies' Elijah Dela Cruz scored to put them up by one, 4-3.

The Phillies' pitching staff then dealt against the Comets as they struck out the side in the third, and went on to retire the rest of the lineup in order again in the fourth, fifth, and sixth.

The middle of the order—Damien Palacios, D.J. Camacho, and Nick Sablan—then scored for the Phillies for a 7-3 game. They busted the game wide open in the fourth and fifth as they scored five, then wrapped it up with one last run in the sixth.

Then, the Braves shot down the Blue Jays Jr., 18-5.

The game ended via mercy rule as the Braves exploded in the third inning. They

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MVP awards given to elementary school athletes

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Northern Marianas Athletics, the Public School System, and McDonald's awarded the top athletes of the 2023-2024 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships that concluded last month.

In an awards ceremony held at the main McDonald's branch in Chalan Kiya last Thursday, MVP trophies were given to the 9U female and male divisions; the 12U female and male divisions; the 14U female and male divisions; and the 18U female and male divisions.



The MVP for the elementary

9U female division went to Saipan International School's Olivia Walsh. She had a gold medal finish in the 1,500m, 400m, and 800m; silver in the 4x400m; and bronze in the 4x100m. She was selected as the top performer for her medal haul and for helping her team to a first-place finish in the 9U girls division.

In the 9U male division, the MVP was Kagman Elementary School's Davirey Indalecio. He bagged gold in the 60m, 100m, 200m, and 4x100m. With his medals, he accumulated 40 total points to take the award, while he also led his team to a silver finish in the 9U boys division.

The 12U female division MVP was William S. Reyes' Anica Aquino who collected gold in the 60m, 100m, 4x400m, and softball throw, and silver in the 400m. She

Kagman Elementary School's Davirey Indalecio, center, poses with his MVP award and Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho, right, Board of Education member Greg Borja, second right, Northern Marianas Athletics' Elias Rangamar, second left, and a McDonald's Saipan employee, left, during the awards ceremony of the 2023-2024 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships awards ceremony at the main McDonald's branch in Chalan Kiya last Thursday.

also led her team to second place overall in the team awarding.

In the 12U male division, Tinian Elementary School's Francisco Moses was the MVP. He hauled in a gold in the 4x400m, silver in the 200m, long jump, and 4x100m; and bronze in the 1,500m. He also helped his team amass 114 total points for the gold overall in the team awarding.

For 11-year-old Aquino, she said she didn't expect that was going to be the MVP. She thought that she was slow but turns out that she's actually fast, despite the fact that it was her first time competing. Her favorite events were the softball throw and the 100m race. As for the season, she said, "It

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William S. Reyes Elementary School's Anica Aquino, center, poses with her MVP award and Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho, right, Board of Education member Greg Borja, second right, Northern Marianas Athletics' Elias Rangamar, second left, and a McDonald's Saipan employee, left, during the awards ceremony of the 2023-2024 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships awards ceremony at the main McDonald's branch in Chalan Kiya last Thursday.



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An Ol'Aces baserunner is safe at third base just as Cobras' third baseman catches the pickoff from the catcher during their playoff game in the Majors Division of the 2024 Natibu Sports Association Youth Baseball League at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Baseball Field last Sunday.